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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from \$1,366.1 million in March to \$1,246.3 million in April, a decline of about nine percent, was primarily the result of sizeable decreases in imports of semi-manufactures, finished manufactures and crude foodstuffs. April imports for consumption were, however, about three percent more than the April 1959 total of \$1,209.1 million.

The Bureau stated that for the first four months of 1960, imports for consumption amounted to \$5,063.5 million, an increase of about seven percent over the \$4,724.5 million reported for the corresponding period of 1959.

From March to April, imports of semimanufactures fell from \$308.3 to \$254.8 million owing chiefly to decreases in imports of individual items included in this economic class as follows: gas and fuel oil, from \$53.6 to \$43.6 million; iron and steel semimanufactures, from \$32.4 to \$23.1 million; aluminum, from \$11.2 to \$6.3 million; nickel and alloys, from \$14.5 to \$10.3 million; copper, from \$23.9 to \$20.6 million; and wood pulp, from \$26.7 to \$23.5 million. Lower levels of imports of auto-

mobiles and parts, from \$83.5 to \$71.9 million; steel mill products, from \$36.9 to \$28.9 million; wool manufactures, from \$19.0 to \$14.2 million, and newsprint, from \$58.1 to \$54.6 million, largely accounted for the decline in imports of finished manufactures, from \$498.5 to \$457.5 million. Imports of crude foodstuffs fell from \$166.2 to \$140.0 million owing chiefly to a substantial decrease in imports of coffee from \$95.1 to \$74.7 million.

Imports of crude materials fell from \$261.3 million in March to \$255.1 million in April. Reflected in this change were decreases in imports of ferroalloying ores, from \$16.8 to \$10.0 million, unmanufactured wool, from \$13.5 to \$9.0 million and less noticeable decreases in imports of many other items included in this class, which were largely offset by increases in imports of crude petroleum from \$70.1 to \$76.8 million and zinc, from \$1.7 to \$7.0 million.

During the period, imports of manufactured foodstuffs advanced from \$131.8 to \$138.9 million largely as a result of an increase in imports of meat products, from \$22.1 to \$30.1 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
APRIL 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	1,246.3	1,366.1	1,209.1	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free.....value..	471.9	526.6	484.2	485.2	445.1
Dutiable.....value..	774.4	839.5	724.9	763.8	616.5
Crude materials.....value..	255.1	261.3	236.1	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins.....value..	7.9	8.9	8.9	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs.....value..	8.6	8.8	7.6	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	82	87	100	108	89
value..	30.5	31.5	26.5	32.1	20.9
Copra.....1,000 lb..	66,107	54,432	76,622	58,808	50,102
value..	6.4	5.2	7.9	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	12,734	13,115	11,429	12,640	11,543
value..	9.2	9.7	8.4	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	8,846	10,331	9,210	12,760	12,190
value..	0.6	0.9	0.6	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	6,164	11,174	6,063	5,740	3,121
value..	0.9	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	5,660	8,719	13,223	10,432	9,767
value..	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	16	24	26	21	13
clean content ¹ ..	12	18	20	16	10
value..	9.0	13.5	12.4	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	10	14	16	13	9
clean content ¹ ..	7	10	11	9	6
value..	8.2	10.4	9.5	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	64	100	73	104	114
value..	1.1	2.1	1.3	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	34,501	30,160	25,022	31,841	31,976
value..	76.8	70.1	57.3	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	94	118	93	113	94
value..	6.8	8.3	6.7	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	600	1,284	1,543	1,089	839
value..	3.4	4.6	8.4	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	2,334	2,217	1,963	2,969	2,296
value..	21.5	19.6	16.9	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	10.0	16.8	14.6	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	20,311	14,998	1,615	6,700	16,884
value..	6.0	4.6	0.5	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	22,942	11,480	46,332	22,861	39,772
value..	2.4	1.0	4.5	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	766	861	18	898	455
value..	1.7	1.9	(*)	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	122,323	40,206	100,620	74,855	90,091
value..	7.0	1.7	4.8	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	7.6	7.0	4.7	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials.....value..	28.4	31.5	31.7	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	140.0	166.2	153.9	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	35,890	41,981	46,601	45,752	39,847
value..	12.1	13.8	14.5	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	79	77	60	57	94
value..	6.9	8.2	7.5	6.8	10.8
Grains.....value..	1.9	3.2	1.8	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	5.6	8.2	7.5	3.5	3.8
Bananas.....1,000 bunches..	5,314	5,100	4,607	4,518	4,064
value..	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	51	45	45	40	37
value..	13.5	12.6	15.6	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	217	267	236	255	222
value..	74.7	95.1	84.2	91.1	97.5
Tea.....1,000 lb..	9,536	11,593	10,949	9,140	8,618
value..	4.6	6.1	5.1	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	5,890	3,870	4,626	2,914	2,889
value..	3.3	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	9.7	9.7	9.6	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
APRIL 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	138.9	131.8	142.5	133.2	125.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	71,038	52,550	93,864	81,209	70,817
value..	30.1	22.1	37.7	32.8	27.9
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	4,738	5,245	4,879	5,322	4,645
value..	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	39,981	38,264	43,804	43,453	39,886
value..	10.5	10.3	11.4	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	922	954	877	756	772
value..	48.3	50.2	46.6	41.3	43.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	64,484	41,752	52,239	24,205	28,698
value..	5.4	4.3	6.1	3.0	3.7
Whisky.....value..	13.4	14.2	13.3	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	27.3	26.3	23.2	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	254.8	308.3	257.3	275.4	220.2
Leather.....value..	2.9	3.7	3.9	4.0	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	251	444	314	303	200
value..	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	5.2	4.3	5.8	4.7	4.1
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	5,923	7,945	12,948	9,285	9,300
value..	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.5	6.5	5.5	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	306	326	338	339	283
value..	24.6	26.9	27.4	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	185	207	211	203	175
value..	23.5	26.7	27.4	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	20,574	26,652	16,327	19,833	17,503
value..	43.6	53.6	35.2	42.1	41.5
Asbestos.....long tons..	43,219	51,593	52,121	48,928	43,706
value..	4.5	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	56	74	64	77	60
value..	5.6	7.6	6.9	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	23.1	32.4	18.0	23.2	7.5
Aluminum.....value..	6.3	11.2	9.5	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	66	76	45	62	56
value..	20.6	23.9	13.4	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	40,679	29,762	57,241	46,556	61,159
value..	5.5	3.9	6.0	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	14,987	20,492	24,361	19,370	15,448
value..	10.3	14.5	15.8	12.3	10.2
Tin.....1,000 lb..	8,324	9,004	9,463	8,744	8,275
value..	7.5	8.9	9.4	8.6	7.5
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	16,312	24,554	24,430	27,583	31,111
value..	2.0	3.0	2.4	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products.....value..	3.0	5.0	4.0	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	9.4	9.7	6.8	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	178	188	186	158	128
value..	7.5	7.8	7.5	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures.....value..	43.0	52.2	45.7	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures.....value..	457.5	498.5	419.3	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures.....value..	7.5	7.6	4.7	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.4	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	45,824	39,948	12,338	20,031	11,750
value..	7.6	7.0	3.2	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	15.7	16.3	11.9	12.5	9.3
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	64,254	82,033	99,504	80,623	70,910
1,000 lb..	39,381	47,081	59,708	49,485	40,641
value..	6.5	7.9	9.1	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.8	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures.....value..	14.2	19.0	13.5	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures.....value..	5.4	5.9	4.7	6.1	4.8
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	187	196	219	178	178
value..	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.6
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	432	457	431	437	407
value..	54.6	58.1	54.1	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.6	6.0	6.5	6.5	5.0
Pottery.....value..	5.6	5.9	4.5	4.8	3.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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APRIL 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	28.9	36.9	26.8	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	11.0	12.1	8.9	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	16.4	17.4	22.6	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	71.9	83.5	71.2	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	44.6	45.1	35.3	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	10.5	10.8	11.7	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	4.3	4.1	3.7	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.5	3.3	2.9	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.2	2.5	1.7	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	5.5	5.7	4.6	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.0	4.3	3.7	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	20.2	22.8	18.8	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufacturesvalue..	94.3	99.9	80.8	84.8	65.1
Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments ²value..	10.4	9.4	8.8	10.2	8.3

*Indicates less than \$50,000.

¹Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.

²For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.